



News from 10,000 Feet!

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Brian Head Town News

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Bryce Haderlie,
Brian Head Town Manager

Town Manager's Message

Winter has brought about a variety of new experiences that have kept us on our toes. Over seven feet of snowfall in December kept the snow plows working overtime. February started with a 20+ hour power outage during freezing temperatures that left frozen pipes and assorted water damage in nearly 200 individual dwelling units. I compliment our staff for working long hours responding to citizens needs.

Many of you called on our public safety officers to check your cabins and condos for leaks. The public works department used the electronic water meter reading system to watch for spikes in water usage that indicates a leak. In both cases, these efforts reduced the potential damage to property.

To improve your electronic connection to the world, South Central Communications will start installing fiber optic cable into town this spring. The Town is setting up a Facebook and Twitter account to keep you up to date on what's happening. Please keep your eye on our website <http://brianheadtown.utah.gov> for more

information as our progress unfolds. We look forward to hearing what you like about our community, and what efforts we can make to improve your experience.

-Bryce Haderlie, Town Manager



Calling All Cooks

(by Julie Saemisch & Betty Phelan)

As a fundraiser, the Brian Head volunteer fire department is creating a cookbook to sell at its annual pancake breakfast scheduled for July 4, 2011. The name of the community cookbook will be "Pie From the Sky." Since we only have a few months, we need your best recipes NOW! Categories will include: Appetizers & Beverages; Breakfast & Breads; Entrees; Side Dishes; Desserts; and Potpourri (to include sauces, jellies and all the other little things that make cooking fun and eating enjoyable). We will also be including cooking tips for high altitudes and any anecdotes about Brian Head we can find.

Please submit your recipes, suggestions and stories to skypiebh@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Proceeds from the cookbook sales will benefit the volunteer fire department and help towards construction of the new Public Safety Building. Please call Julie Saemisch at (435) 770-6080 for more information.

Quarterly Newsletters

Brian Head Town will be publishing quarterly newsletters on its website (starting with this first edition). The website address is: brianheadtown.utah.gov. If any residents have issues they would like addressed in the newsletters, please contact Cecilia Johnson at cjohnson@bhtown.utah.gov or Alice Rogers at aerogers@bhtown.utah.gov. Also, if you have good news to report regarding someone in our community, please feel free to submit it to us to share in a newsletter. We welcome baby announcements, wedding announcements, milestone anniversaries, obituaries, etc. Newsletters will be published in March, June, September, and December of each year. The deadlines to get information into the newsletters will be February 14, May 14, August 14, and November 14. Thanks!



Utah Transparency Act

As of May 1, 2011, all Utah State counties, municipalities, and special service districts with a current annual budget (revenues or expenditures) greater than \$1,000,000 are required to post their financial information on the State's website at transparent.utah.gov. This information will be updated quarterly. Once the site is up and running, residents can access information starting with the budget for year ending June 30, 2010. Note: Fiscal year budgets for Brian Head Town are from the time period of July 1 to June 30 each year.



Brian Head Full-Time Public Safety Officers from left to right – Dan Benson, Brad Benson, Chief Gary Bulloch, Jared Burton, Dan Guymon

Brian Head's Public Safety Department

Brian Head Town is lucky to have one of the best, well-rounded Public Safety Departments in the State. We have five full-time Public Safety officers and six part-time officers. Our full-time officers are Gary Bulloch (Town Marshal), Brad Benson, Dan Benson, Jared Burton, and Dan Guymon. Our part-time officers include Tom Cowan, Jacob Hoyt, Dustin Orton, Aaron Pallesen, Terry Petersen, and Ben Rowley. We have several volunteer fire fighters too! Read about them on page 3 of this newsletter. Following are the most common questions we are asked here at Brian Head regarding our Public Safety Department:

- 1) **Why does Brian Head Town have five full-time Officers?** Brian Head Town is an isolated community. It is a recreation/resort area that requires full-time coverage due to its transient population. We have several visitors year round that require 1) search and rescue missions, when visitors get lost in the mountains; 2) pulling vehicles out of the snow daily, in the winter months, due to the high snow fall we get each year; and 3) dealing with a large amount of burglaries and thefts (just to name a few). Also, because of Brian Head's altitude, there are many medical emergencies to take care of each year.
- 2) **Why does Brian Head require 24 hour Police coverage?** When anything happens at Brian Head, the Police are the first to be notified (such as utility problems, road hazards, etc.). When people come to Brian Head for their vacations, they get up early and stay up late to enjoy all that Brian Head has to offer. Our Officers have been called at all hours of the day or night for medical reasons, people getting stuck or lost, and burglaries and thefts. A recent example of the full-time coverage is when the power was out for 20+ hours in sub-zero temperatures. Our Officers were able to check all cabins, homes and condominiums quickly. Even though there were lots of frozen pipes, etc., the Police Officers saved a lot of damage too!

3) **What are the responsibilities of the Public Safety Department?** Our Public Safety Department covers Police, Fire, and Emergency Management issues in our Town (and surrounding areas). They are self-sufficient too. By writing their own grants to obtain funding for their various trainings, etc., they save the town a lot of time and money. Our Public Safety Department has no upper management or clerical help when writing their reports and preparing for Court, etc. This takes up lots of their time too.

4) **What training is required for our officers?** Our officers are required to have State regulated mandatory training each year. Brian Head Officers keep up on their certifications in areas such as TASER training, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) training, and firearms training. They are trained to handle domestic disputes and other altercations. They attend fire meetings bi-monthly to keep up with fire issues. They keep up on their EMT training and certifications.

5) **What area does the Brian Head Public Safety Department cover?** Our Public Safety Department covers SR 143, the area from Panguitch Lake clear to the mouth of Parowan Canyon, Rainbow Meadows and other outlying areas surrounding Brian Head. Total area covered is approximately 200 square miles! It is a big geographical area compared to other communities in the State.

Our Public Safety officers all have a good sense of humor and are very outgoing - however, they balance this out when dealing with serious situations. We are thankful for their ability to adjust to each situation as needed. Their families also have to sacrifice because of their profession, but they all make it work.

Brian Head is unique because of its location, geography, and resort status. Our Public Safety Department has a lot of areas to cover. We feel they do a good job, handle every situation in a professional way, and help to keep the public safe. We appreciate our officers – keep up the good work!

Altitude Sickness – How to Enjoy Your Time at the Top

(by Betty Phelan)

Altitude Sickness results from changes in the body's responses to lowered levels of oxygen and air pressure that exist at high altitudes (over 8,000 feet).

Symptoms may include: headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, and sleep disturbances. People compare the symptoms to having the flu or a hangover. Symptoms can begin any time from 8 to 96 hours after arriving at altitude and generally subside in one to two days.

Prevention of altitude sickness includes: ascend slowly to altitude (stop at an intermediate altitude overnight), avoid strenuous activity in the first 24 hours at altitude, limit alcohol consumption (alcohol causes dehydration which makes altitude sickness worse), drink plenty of water, and eat lots of carbohydrates (bread, cereal, grains, pasta).

Altitude sickness is usually not a serious condition and goes away on its own with rest and over-the-counter analgesics for pain control. If you do have symptoms of altitude sickness, do not go to a higher altitude until your symptoms go away.

If you have any long-term diseases, like heart problems, COPD, sickle cell anemia, or sleep apnea, talk to your doctor about altitude sickness.

Events in Brian Head – March, April & May, 2011

March 5 – 1st Annual Snowmobile Poker Run

March 19 – Snowshoe Day with Cedar Breaks Monument Rangers
(meet at Georg's Ski Shop at 10 a.m.)

March 25 & 26 – Winter Wine & Arts Festival @ Grand Lodge;
Dinner will be on the 25th – please RSVP to 677-9000; The Festival highlights a variety of wines, cheeses and Art.

March 26 – Cedar Breaks presentation - Cedar Breaks Lodge @ 8 p.m. (Topic: Weather)

April 2, 2011 – Brian Head Spring Carnival (featuring a “dummy” jump, pond skating, and other games)

April 16 – Snowshoe Day with Cedar Breaks Monument Rangers
(meet at Georg's Ski Shop at 10 a.m.) – Bonfire to follow at 1:30 p.m.

April 23 – Cedar Breaks presentation - Grand Lodge @ 7 p.m.
(Topic: Condors/Birds)

April 23 & 24 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt (sponsored by Brian Head Chamber of Commerce & Brian Head Resort) – Bonfire and S'mores to follow at Fire Station – 7:00 p.m.



Snowmobile Poker Run - March 2011

First Annual Snowmobile Poker Run

Brian Head Town held its first annual Snowmobile Poker Run on March 5, 2011. The event was a big success!

For those of you that don't know what a “poker run” is those wanting to participate in the event check in and receive a sheet of paper depicting all 52 cards in a deck. They then drive their snowmobiles on a designated trail (from Brian Head to Duck Creek) and stop at 5 different locations to draw a card and mark it off on their paper. At the end of the snowmobile ride, the participants meet to compare their 5-card poker hands. This year, everyone met at the Grand Lodge, where prizes were handed out to: the person with the best hand; the person with the worst hand; the oldest person who competed; and the oldest snowmobile in the competition.

Brian Head would like to make this an annual event. It is anticipated this event will be scheduled the first part of March each year. We're hoping the word will get out and it will be even bigger and better next year. So, mark your calendars and be prepared to have fun at the 2nd annual snowmobile poker run in March 2012!



Only 1,000 of these snowmobiles have been made - two were at the 2011 Brian Head Snowmobile Poker Run

Brian Head Volunteer Fire Department

(by Betty Phelan)

The Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of the 5 full time Public Safety officers and 15 volunteers who either live or work in Brian Head.

The Fire Department meets twice a month for training. Training sessions cover a broad range of topics essential to firefighters: Firefighter 1 & 2 Skills, Search & Rescue, Extrication, CPR, First Aid, Portable Fire Extinguishers and Breathing Apparatus, Wild-land Fire, Structural Fire, Engine Skills & Hose Lays, Portable Pumps, Power Tools, Haz-Mat, and Condo Fire Simulation. We train here in Brian Head and also join the Parowan and Paragonah Volunteer Fire Departments for joint training sessions.

Our volunteers respond to a variety of situations: structure fires, wild-land fires, gas leaks, search & rescue (year round), and car accidents (fire control and/or extrication). Each volunteer carries a pager that is connected to the main dispatcher.

One of our big responsibilities is the July 4th Celebrations; both the Pancake Breakfast and the Fireworks Show. This year the Volunteer Department did the Fireworks Show at the New Years Ski-Out.

In addition to being called out for emergency and safety problems, the Fire Department is responsible for annual inspections of all commercial and condominium properties in Brian Head. Any homeowner who is renting his property also requires a fire inspection before renting the home.



From left to right: Jared Burton, Betty Phelan, Dan Benson, Polly Johnson, Doug Deutschlander, Dan Guymon, Jared Berger, Brad Benson, Gary Bulloch



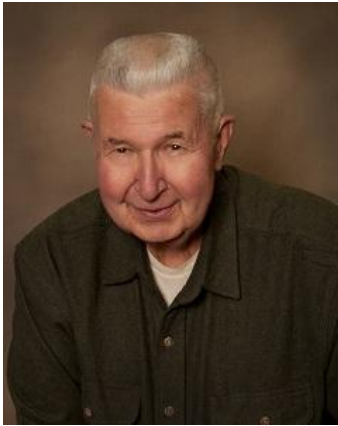
Blue Springs Fire (2005)



Fighting a Wild Land Fire

"Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

-Abraham Lincoln



H.C. "Dutch" Deutschlander, Mayor

From the Mayor

After years of witnessing and fighting the Spruce Beetle infestation which destroyed much of the forest in and around Brian Head, Brian Head Town invites all interested persons to join with us on Saturday, May 28, 2011 for a symbolic celebration of Arbor Day. We will be planting several young trees in the vicinity of the Town Park.

Additionally, on Friday, March 11, 2011, we were successful in obtaining a \$2,500,000 dollar loan with an interest rate of 2.5%, for the construction of the new Public Safety Building. We are moving forward with the development of final drawings and hope to begin construction later this Spring. This new building will alleviate several health issues and structure problems with the present Fire Station and Police Offices.

We hope you enjoyed this season's winter activities and look forward to your Brian Head visit this summer. There's still plenty of time to enjoy our winter activities. Brian Head Resort's lifts will cease operation at the close of business on Easter Sunday.

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

-William James

Planning Commission Update

(by Troy Katwyk, Chairperson)

The Brian Head Planning Commission consists of 6 members: Troy Katwyk (Chairperson), Betty Phelan (Vice Chairperson), Doug Deutschlander, Mac Hatch, Larry Freeberg, and Clayton Calloway (alternate). All members, reside, own a business, or work full time in Brian Head. It is the responsibility of the planning commission to oversee all land development activities in Brian Head. The Brian Head Land Management Code (adopted 8/12/2008) is used for all decision making by the planning commission. Any recommendations made by the planning commission go to the town council for final approval. In addition to reviewing current applications for land development, the Planning Commission plays an important role in planning and shaping future land use, design criteria and future annexations to meet projected future growth of our community.

The Brian Head Planning Commission is looking forward to a busy building season this year. Brian Head, along with most resort towns throughout the country, have experienced a reduction in development and building due to the present state of the economy. This reduction in development and building has reduced the amount of land use applications and action items for us to review and take action on when we meet. The commission and town staff have taken this opportunity to revisit several important land use/zoning ordinances and have spent numerous hours debating, discussing and taking action on these items.

All members of the commission want to see Brian Head prosper while trying to maintain the unique qualities and way of life that drove us to this pristine mountain community. The commission understands that we play a huge roll in steering our community to prosper now and in the future. The commission has completed and forwarded its recommended revision of the general plan to the town council and is currently reviewing several chapters and items in the land

management code, that we feel may need to be revised and will work better for Brian Head Town.

We invite you to attend the meetings and take the opportunity to voice your opinions. Your recommendations are always appreciated. Please contact the town staff at (435) 677-2029 or visit our web-site at www.brianheadtown.utah.gov for a calendar of meeting dates and/or to see what is on the agenda at the next scheduled meeting.

Town Tidbits

- Brian Head Resort is tentatively scheduled to close on Sunday, April 24th this year.
- Brian Head Town will be having its annual Spring clean-up day the first part of June 2011 – watch for flyers with a specific date (which will depend on the weather) . For those wishing to help, please come to the Town Hall at 8:30 am to pick up trash bags and area assignments. Afterwards, all participants are invited to a town barbecue at the Town Hall at 12:00 noon. Food will be provided by Brian Head Town.
- Reminder: Per Town Ordinance, please make sure and put house numbers on your homes! This helps when our Police Department gets calls on burglaries, medical emergencies, etc. This is a requirement to make the 911 emergency system work (especially where Brian Head is such a spread out community).
- Did you know you can pay your utility bills on-line? Just go to www.brianheadtown.utah.gov and click on "E-Pay" on the left-hand column of the page. The prompts will walk you through from there. You can set this up to make automatic monthly payments or make a one-time payment anytime from your checking account.